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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170  
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

I purchased a TracPhone one year ago because I needed a service that did not charge a hefty monthly fee for emergency use. As a nurse in a rural area, my job often takes me on the road. As a mother with three school age children, I needed to be able to be reached in the case of accident, illness, or other emergency situations. My phone is used only for emergency purposes only. I find it very unfair that you propose to raise the taxes even for persons who do not use their phones on a daily basis. My phone allows my children the security of being able to reach me if they need me. If you raise the taxes, I will be unable to afford wireless service and will have to give up my phone. I know of several other persons in the same situation. Please do not penalize everyone for something not all are doing. Do not place children like mine in the position of not being able to contact their parents if they are sick, injured, or need directions.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members